

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 2530 - SB 2853**

January 20, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Commerce and Insurance to develop a program that awards a seal of approval to Tennessee Internet service providers that meet certain standards. An Internet service provider that falsely advertises themselves as a recipient of the seal commits a violation of the *Tennessee Consumer Protection Act*. Violations are punishable through civil penalties and private rights of action.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue – Not Significant**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$5,000/One-Time**

**Increase Local Gov't. Revenue – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Gov't. Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- A not significant increase in revenue from collection of additional civil penalties.
- An increase in one-time state expenditures to develop an application process and to create an image to represent the seal.
- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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